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MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

KANSAS CITY, Kan. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced that **Ronald Fisher**, 34, Olathe, Kansas, entered a guilty plea on May 13, 2004, before U.S. District Judge Kathryn H. Vratil to one count of possession of child pornography.

Melgren said that Fisher admitted at his plea that on April 7, 2003, while he was on parole from the Kansas Department of Corrections following convictions for aggravated burglary and aggravated robbery and living as a resident of Oxford house, a halfway house run by Johnson County Community Corrections in Olathe, Kansas, he obtained child pornography over the internet. Fisher further admitted that he had approximately 298 pictures of child pornography stored on his computer.

Fisher faces a maximum of five years in federal prison without parole. Sentencing is set for August 2, 2004, at 9:30 a.m.

Melgren commended the excellent work of the Kansas Department of Corrections in this investigation and Assistant U.S. Attorney Kim Berger in this prosecution.